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## MAKING HEADWAY WITH FIRST PULP WOOD PLANT

E. I. DuPont de Nemours Co. Will Use North Carolina Scrub Pine in Paper Making At Hope-well Va. Plant

The pulp-wood plant of the Dare Lumber Co., now in course of construction at Buffalo City, Dare County, will be completed and ready for operation about June 1, 1919, according to President George F. Montgomery of the Dare Lumber Co., who was in Elizabeth City this week.

The pulp-wood plant at Buffalo City, 40 miles south of Elizabeth City, is the first plant of its kind to have been started in eastern North Carolina and marks the beginning of the utilization of millions of acres of eastern North Carolina loblolly and scrub pine in the manufacture of paper.

The Dare Lumber Company, has already contracted for its full output of pulp-wood to the E. I. DuPont de Nemours Powder Co. The DuPont company is converting its big explosive plant at Hopewell, Va., into a paper mill and will be in position to use all the pulp-wood eastern North Carolina can supply.

The capacity of the plant at Buffalo City will be 400 cords of pulp-wood per diem. The plant will be operated by a big 600 H. P. turbo generator. This generator was unloaded at Buffalo City on one of the Dare Lumber Co. barges. It will not only furnish power for the pulp-wood mill, but will furnish electric light and power for the village of Buffalo City.

The Dare Lumber Co. owns 165,500 acres of timber land, a tract of more than 250 square miles, in Dare county between the Alligator river, Pamlico and Croatan sounds. From this immense tract the Dare Lumber Co. gets its logs for its big saw mill in Elizabeth City. Its logging operations have hitherto been more or less unsatisfactory because so much of their timber in Dare county is unsuited to the manufacture of lumber and timber. There has been more or less waste on this account. The pulp-wood plant will utilize all of this waste and Mr. Montgomery makes the statement that it will curtail the cost of logging for the Dare Lumber Co. approximately \$5 per thousand feet of manufactured lumber. That saving will represent a net profit of \$5 per 1,000 to the company. Its saw mill capacity is 100,000 a day.

## NEED REFRIGERATOR CAR FOR MAY PEAS

Eastern Markets Demand Refrigerator Car Service to Get Most Money For Growers

Eastern North Carolina truckers who grow early peas for the Philadelphia and New York market will never make the most of their product until they demand and use refrigerator cars in shipping their peas to market. This statement comes from several eastern wholesale produce dealers interviewed by the editor of this newspaper this week.

The refrigerator car is no longer a novelty and is by no means the luxury some assume it to be. Refrigerator cars are available for truckers anywhere who have car load lots to ship. Northeastern North Carolina shippers ship hundreds of cars of early peas in May. To handle this immense crop a special service without refrigeration is not desirable in handling the delicate peas. Down in Florida they even use refrigerator cars for shipping their cabbages to market and cabbages are by no means as perishable as peas.

North Carolina truckers should ask for a refrigerator car service this season. The only way to get it is to ask for it.

## ELIZABETH CITY NOW HAS A CURFEW LAW

But Kids Who Work After 9:30 P. M. Will Not Be Bothered—Savages Couldn't Beat That

The Board of Aldermen of Elizabeth City have adopted a Curfew Law, effective since Tuesday night of this week. The Curfew is rung at 9:30 o'clock every night and at that time all children under 15 years of age must be off the streets, unless accompanied by parents, guardians or other grown-up with whom the child lives. The law makes benevolent exception in the case of children under 15 years old who work after 9:30 at night. Children who work can stay out. This would seem to indicate that the Aldermen had no thought of protecting the child by a Curfew law, but simply desired a law to get rid of children on the streets.

**NEGRO ELKS AT MT. LEBANON**  
Golden Leaf Lodge No. 142, I. B. O. E. of the World, the most progressive Negro Fraternity in the city, will hold its Annual Thanksgiving and Memorial Services at Mt. Lebanon A. M. E. Zion Church, Sunday, April 13, 1919, at 3:00 o'clock P. M. Lawyer Cleon W. Brown, Grand Travelling Deputy of the World will deliver the address. Specially prepared music will be furnished by the Elks' quartette and choruses under the direction of James R. Lewis. The public is invited.

## CHAMP CLARK SPEAKS IN ELIZABETH CITY

Proved Rather Disappointing to a Rather Disappointing Audience

Hon. Champ Clark, for 8 years Speaker of the House of Representatives and who says he was "tired out of the presidency of the United States" in 1912, disappointed a disappointing audience in Elizabeth City Wednesday night.

Speaker Clark did not begin to measure up to the big men who have been Elizabeth City's guests from time to time, nor was the audience of the size that is expected to greet a big man. The number of empty seats in the house must have seemed a cold reception to this eminent politician who is something of a cold proposition himself. But he got even with the empty seats; his lecture was as empty of ideas as the seats were empty of hearers.

Speaker Clark said he didn't think we would have another big war any time soon because the big war making nations couldn't stand another such financial strain. He believed the peace terms now being worked out at Paris will be all right when they are worked out. Anything President Wilson does will be all right anyway, because the President has more information than the rest of us and knows better what to do. He did not add that the rest of us have not been permitted to get more information than Dr. Wilson wants us to have.

Speaker Clark did not touch the Japanese question, the Mexican problem or the issues between Capital and Labor. Such things didn't bother him and he never once intimated that such a thing as a Bolshevik is abroad in the land. He said that Russia would eventually work out a workable republican form of government, but that she couldn't be expected to do it in a year. He recalled the century of revolution and counter revolution in France before the present stable republic was established and he reminded his audience that the United States were a good many years in getting together after they had declared their independence of Great Britain.

Speaker Clark believes that the merchant marine we built up in this war should be used in pushing our foreign trade and that we should fly the flag of our merchant marine in every port of the world, pushing our goods into these same ports. He says that South America is our best foreign trade prospect and that to cement our relations with South Americans we should get busy at once. He thought Spanish, the language of South America, should be taught in our public schools.

Speaker Clark said America should put water on its arid lands and take water off its overflown lands and provide farms for its returning soldiers. He seemed to think that all the soldiers were ready to be farmers and he seemed to be equally sure that the unemployment problem in this country would soon be such that a soldier would take anything that looked like a chance to make a living, though he didn't say that in so many words.

Speaker Clark spoke here under the auspices of Hon. C. R. Pugh who likes to personally bring important men to Elizabeth City and, incidentally, bring home a little "bacon" along with them. Speaker Clark's real name is James Beauchamp Clark.

## NO PRIMARY ELECTION HERE THIS SPRING

Free For All Race Gives The Politicians a Chance to Make Deals

There will be no primary election of candidates for municipal officers this spring. This fact has been determined by the powers that be and the municipal election to be held Tuesday, May 13 will be a genuine free for all. The voters will be confused by a multiplicity of candidates with conflicting claims and the machine politicians expect to slip in their tried and true servants in the midst of the confusion. Candidates are coming out thick and fast.

The primary was abandoned because the Mack Sawyer machine could not get candidates out in time for a primary. The old crowd feels that it is beaten and has a hard time getting out candidates. By eliminating the primary they have more time to work up a ticket and to make deals with independent candidates who can be persuaded that they need the Mack Sawyer support.

Following are the polling places, registrars and pollholders for the coming city election:

First Ward—Godfrey's Store, H. C. Godfrey, M. W. Berry, P. S. Shipp. Second Ward—Williams Store, Charlie Williams, L. B. Thornton, J. C. Mun-den.

Third Ward—Whitehurst Store, H. F. Whitehurst, C. G. Fearling, J. H. Burgess.

Fourth Ward—City Market, Kenyon Bailey, D. W. Harris, Jr., W. G. Pool. The registration books open Saturday, April 26th at 9 a. m., and close Saturday, May 3rd at 8 p. m. Everybody must register. Some are under the impression that previous registration for a county primary makes them eligible to vote in the coming election, but this is not true. The safe way is to register without fail between April 26th and May 3rd.

**FOR SALE:**—I have for sale 800 acres of well timbered land in Perquimans county. Will show to any interested. For a bargain see, P. H. SMALL, Hertford, N. C.

## AYDLETT BOOM FOR GOVERNOR LAUNCHED

Negro Audience Told He Will Be State's Chief Executive Ere Long

The Aydlett gubernatorial boom which has been trying to boom between booms of Mr. Aydlett for the presidency of the Baptist State convention, finally got a launching in Elizabeth City Monday night. Rev. Geo. L. White, pastor of Mt. Lebanon A. M. E. Zion Church gave it a voice at the Negro Tercentennial celebration at his church Monday evening. Mr. Aydlett was introduced by Mr. White and took advantage of the introduction to proclaim that the man about to introduce a governor would be one of the next governors of the Old North State. There was lively applause, but it didn't last long. Mr. Aydlett sat in the pulpit and smiled his best smile. He seemed thoroughly pleased. True, the colored folk haven't so many votes; but then a boom has got to be launched somehow and even a tiny seed sown in fertile soil may take root and acquire a growth of considerable dimensions. It is no secret that Mr. Aydlett wants to be governor. He will also be a candidate for Congress if he sees an opening. His desires have been whispered around the state for a long time and an effort was made to start a boom for him in Raleigh a few months ago, at the time he gave a canvas-back duck dinner to the judges of the Supreme Court and about 30 other jurists of state-wide influence. In meantime Mr. Aydlett is still hoping to be elected President of the Baptist State Convention, anyhow.

## SCHOOL GARDEN ARMY FOR ELIZABETH CITY

Organized Here This Week—The Kind of Army That Makes The World Safe For Democracy

Frank M. Harper of the Bureau of Education at Washington, D. C., who was Superintendent of Schools at Raleigh for eleven years, is in the city for the purpose of organizing an army of school gardeners. The United States School Commissioner Claxton has for a number of years advocated the teaching of gardening in the public schools for its educational value. The European war has emphasized also the economic value of the garden.

The plan lays stress on home gardening under teacher supervision, the garden to be kept at work twelve months in the year. The mild climate of Eastern North Carolina is most favorable to the winter garden, since as many as nineteen vegetables can be grown in the open here during the winter months.

Miss H. M. Harney, a teacher in the city schools, will be in charge of the work, provision having been made by the School Trustees Tuesday afternoon by which Miss Harney will receive the co-operation of the Bureau of Education at Washington.

All children from nine to eighteen are eligible and will receive an attractive bronze badge and a service flag from the government as soon as the garden is ready for planting. Last year 1,500,000 boys and girls were enrolled, and raised \$15,000,000 worth of food. This year an effort is being made to enroll 5,000,000.

Mr. Hoover has pledged to Europe this year 20,000,000 tons of food, and the government is appealing to the school children of America to help, through the home garden, increase the nation's food supply.

Aside from its economic value, gardening has a high educational value. "Teach the boys and girls to do things as well as to think things," says Secretary Franklin K. Lane. Gardening is nature study of a high order and tends to develop the initiative in children. Besides, the growing of plants and flowers has a moral and spiritual value. The child that cultivates a garden for a year, gains first-hand knowledge, and becomes more or less familiar with the elements of those sciences that he will study later.

To add interest to the work it is suggested that a garden fair be held during the summer, and that prizes be offered for meritorious work in the garden. Certain public spirited ladies will be requested to serve on committees to aid in this exhibit and also to help in marketing vegetables raised by the children in excess of family needs.

At the High School, the Domestic Science equipment can be utilized during the summer in canning surplus vegetables raised at home.

School credit for gardening at home is recommended and the Bureau of Education has worked out a plan by which the teacher can grade the work of the young gardener monthly.

## TO HOLD SPEECHFEST AT CAMDEN COURTHOUSE

J. W. Nyegaard, county farm agent of Camden county, is stirring up interest in his new field. He has arranged a big meeting to be held at Camden court house Saturday at 8:30 P. M. There will be short, snappy speeches by Hon. D. W. Tillitt, Hon. W. I. Halstead, Miss Marjorie Albertson, Grover W. Falls, P. S. Vann, John Ferber and Mr. Nyegaard. Mr. Nyegaard's subject will be "How I Can Help the Farmers of Camden County." Mr. Tillitt will act as chairman of the meeting. The public is invited.

## BICKETT TALKED TO NEGROES HERE

Celebration of Slavery Tercentennial Unique In History

The Negroes of northeastern North Carolina did not seem to take too kindly to the celebration of the 300th anniversary of their residence in America which was celebrated here this week. It was on April 7, 1619 that the first slave ship landed in Virginia a cargo of 20 slaves. From that beginning the Negro race in America has increased to 12,000,000 souls. Some of the leaders of the race conceived the idea of celebrating the three hundredth anniversary of the transplanting of the race from Africa to America. But the absence of the crowds justified by a tercentennial celebration indicated that the colored folk were not all enthusiastic over the idea of celebrating their inauspicious beginning in America. And so far as this newspaper can learn no such celebration on such an elaborate scale was celebrated by the colored folk anywhere in America.

The celebration opened here Monday with a parade; quite the biggest parade ever staged here. It was led by a 24 piece band from Norfolk and was designed to show something of the progress of the race. It was an orderly procession, well marshalled and thoroughly dignified. The throngs of Negroes along the line of march were well behaved. There was no disorder, no boisterousness and no confusion anywhere. The city never entertained a more orderly celebration.

Governor T. W. Bickett himself was the feature speaker of the occasion. He addressed an audience of nearly 1,500 at Mt. Lebanon A. M. E. Zion church Monday night. The house was packed to overflowing and crowds swarmed in the streets in front of the church. Governor Bickett's speech, ably reported by Herbert Peele of The Advance, was in part as follows:—

"You are no gladder than I am that Abraham Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation. There are two things that I believe. One is that God Almighty is running this world. The other is that he knows how to do it. He suffered slavery to be instituted in this country in his own good time and for his own good purpose. And in his own good time he blotted it out."

**The Higher Freedom**

"I rejoice with you in your freedom. But after all physical freedom is the lowest form of freedom. It is the freedom of the wild animal of the jungle. And freedom unwisely used may be a curse instead of a blessing. The cage protects the tiger as well as the man outside. Let the tiger escape and he will be hunted to his death. Let the tiger in your breast escape and you will be shot or lynched."

"The mud sill of true freedom is self control."

"You have heard it said that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. But obedience, eternal obedience is the price of life."

"Sun, moon, and sea and every living thing moves in obedience to that Law which is the Father's Will. Let a man set himself against Law, the law of man, or the law of health, or the law of God, and he is ground to powder."

"Three hundred years ago when the event you celebrate transpired ten million Indians roamed these forests, and you were a handful. Today you are twelve millions, and they are a handful. In the hard school of slavery you learned obedience. The Indian word, not and as a race he has perished from the earth."

"Physical freedom, to be of value, must be coupled with moral freedom and financial freedom."

"The borrower wears the yoke of the lender and the man who lives under a mortgage is the chattel of the mortgage. If you've got to get an order from a white man before you can get anything to eat or to wear how much freedom have you got?"

**The Lesson of Thrift**  
"As a race you have two faults. You don't make enough. And you spend too much of what you do make. You can't rise until the black man's credit at the bank or store is just as good as the white man's. Neither banker nor grocer draws any color line on the long green."

"You have come back from the war clothed with victory and crowned with honor. The white people are ready to help you. But God Almighty can't help the man who won't help himself."

"Get you a job. Work six days in the week. If you can earn enough in three days to live on salt it down. My cook has been with me for eighteen years and she has saved more money than any of the rest of us. The negro is the best spender on earth. If a white man earned two dollars today there is a strong presumption that he will earn two dollars tomorrow. But if a negro earned two dollars today there is a strong presumption that he won't earn any more until he has spent that. And that's what's the matter with the negro. Save some part of your earnings every week and if a smooth-tongued agent comes round trying to sell you something sic' old Towser on him. If that doesn't move him, sic' your wife with a hot skillet on him—and if you get in trouble for it I'll pardon you."

"Put your heel down hard on every appetite and passion. He that ruleth

## PURE DRINKING WATER FOR ELIZABETH CITY

Elizabeth City Water Company Installs Distillation Plant and Plans New Filtration System



H. E. CROOKE

MR. CROOKE is the president of the Elizabeth City public utilities corporations. His home is in Baltimore, but his interests are in Elizabeth City. His policy is to invest in any improvement that will give Elizabeth City better lights and better water.

his spirit is greater than he that taketh a city.

"Get a job and freeze to it like a mud turtle. Don't turn it loose till it thunders, and don't turn loose then."

"Respect and honor virtue wherever you seek it, especially in your own womankind. The standard of civilization of any race is determined by the way it treats its women folk. You want to build up a sentiment such that the Negro who degrades the woman he has sworn to honor and protect can not enter the door of the home of a decent Negro in your town."

"Live in a spirit of neighborliness with your white friends and keep on good terms with them. Your worst enemy in this world, though he himself may not know it, is the man who would cause you to have hard feelings against the white people among whom you live. Such a man is your worst enemy and mine. You believe in me and I'll believe in you. Let's not live in an atmosphere of suspicion and distrust."

Governor Bickett was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Houtz while in the city. He went from Elizabeth City Tuesday to attend a conference of the executive committee of the League to Enforce Peace, at the City Club in New York City.

## BIG VICTORY PARADE HERE EASTER MONDAY

Returned Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Will March Here For First Time

The Victory Loan parade to be held in Elizabeth City on Easter Monday promises to be the most elaborate parade ever given here. To create more interest in it, a beautiful silver cup is to be given to the best decorated car in the parade and it is safe to say that everyone will decorate their car on this day for this would only be a small way to show that your patriotism to your country is just as great now that victory has been won, as it was when our boys were fighting back the Germans with every breath in their body.

This parade, which will be under the supervision of Frank Kramer, will have in it the boys of the army who have returned home, the boys of the navy, as well as the sailors and marines stationed at the naval hospital. All the men who have seen service are urged to send in their name to Mr. Kramer and it is the wish of the parade committee that those ex-service men living in this section will be in town on the morning of April 21st and take a part in this great Victory Celebration.

While no official action has been taken, it is expected the Chamber of Commerce will request the various merchants to close their stores during the hour of the parade. Every effort is being made to have the co-operation of the entire city in this spectacle and a large crowd of visitors are expected here on that day. All in all, Easter Monday promises to be a very gala day for Elizabeth City and the Victory Loan.

## WHO WILL SUCCEED GIBBS AS FISH COMMISSIONER?

The sudden death of Henry L. Gibbs, State Fish Commissioner, creates a vacancy in that office and there is much speculation as to who will be his successor. The office pays a salary of \$1,800 a year and expenses and the commissioner is appointed by the Fisheries Commission Board, of which E. Chambers Smith, of Raleigh, is chairman. Other members of the Board are A. V. Cobb, Windsor, N. C.; S. P. Hancock, Beaufort, N. C.; E. H. Freeman, Wilmington, N. C., and T. F. Winslow, Hertford, N. C. Former commissioner J. H. LeRoy, of this city, is looked upon as the logical successor of Mr. Gibbs.

The Elizabeth City Water Co. after spending a fortune in futile attempts to get good and potable water for Elizabeth City consumption, has finally found what looks like a solution to the problem and is now producing an absolutely pure water, said to be superior to any spring water in the United States or elsewhere.

The Water Company has just installed at its plant on Pennsylvania Ave., an H-20 still having a daily capacity of 3,500 gallons of absolutely pure aerated distilled water. Get that word aerated!

Ordinary distilled water is not necessarily pure water. It may be condensed from the steam of boilers and carry with it the taste of boiler compounds and the lubricating oils of the engine. It is always flat and lifeless because in the process of distillation the vitalizing air is taken out of it. Distilled water to be absolutely pure must be distilled in a special apparatus and handled thru pure block tin or porcelain lined pipes. Running distilled water thru a dirty iron boiler and rusty iron pipes doesn't produce good water. After providing a special apparatus for distilling water and getting the water chemically pure, you still have a flat, lifeless, tasteless product because distillation doesn't return the air to the water. Dr. J. C. Merrill, of Washington, D. C. invented a process to produce pure distilled water with its air content restored and this same Dr. Merrill has installed the still at the plant of the Elizabeth City Water Co. Dr. Merrill has been in Elizabeth City for two weeks, not only to look after the installation of the still, but to see that the company thoroughly understands its operation.

Dr. Merrill is a water expert. In fact, he was the water expert of the United States War Trade Board and has helped government in many a water problem. He has installed his process all over the United States and Canada, in the West Indies, in India, in China and in Japan. The American Expeditionary Forces used 135 of his stills in France. Elizabeth City is the first city of less than 25,000 inhabitants having one of these stills installed. One has been in operation in Norfolk for several years and the water is sold as a pure "spring" water and the Norfolk public has never known the difference.

Of course the distillation of water for drinking purposes does not solve the water problem for Elizabeth City. Elizabeth City consumes more than 500,000 gallons of water daily for all purposes. Distilled water is too expensive for washing, bathing, sprinkling lawns and putting out fires. Distilled water will be just a side line with the water company and will be delivered in five gallon demijohns to consumers who will pay extra for it.

But the Water Company will not rest there. It expects to improve its whole supply and is now negotiating with the Pittsburgh Filter Mfg. Co., of Pittsburgh, Pa. for a filter plant that will give Elizabeth City chemically pure water, if such a water can be obtained. Plans for the new filter plant have been received and the Water Company expects to close with the Pittsburgh concern at an early date, installing the new filters this summer if possible.

The plans call for two filters, each of 500,000 gallons daily capacity, with provision for two additional filters when the demand justifies the supply. The filters will be of the most approved type, as mechanically perfect as filters can be built. The water taken from Knobs Creek will be treated in the present concrete sedimentation tank as it is now and then given 24 hours to work thru the new filtration plant.

"If that doesn't give us clean, pure, wholesome water," says Superintendent R. E. Lewis, "Then we will abandon all efforts to get such water from the sources available in this locality."

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whether your glasses are mechanically fitted; whether the lenses are of the correct size; whether your eyes are in the center of both lenses or whether your eye lashes just miss them; whether the nose or ear pieces, or bows, are comfortable. If your mirror tells you that your glasses are not just right, better have HATHAWAY look them over. It not only takes a skilled Optometrist to fit the eyes, it takes an expert mechanic to fit and adjust the glasses to your face. HATHAWAY service combines perfected Optometry with expert mechanics.

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